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1. SAUDI ARABIAN DECISION SET ASIDE TEN PERCENT OIL REVENUE
FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THIRD WORLD REF B WAS ATTRIBUTED BY WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL MAREI EXPLICITLY TO FINANCIAL TIMES
ARTICLE QUOTING SAUDI ARABIAN HYDROCARBONS MINISTER YAMANI.

2. CONTEXT OF MAREI'S STATEMENT IN WEDNESDAY SESSION WAS
THAT SIERRA LEONE REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER LDC'S WERE PRESSING
HIM HARD TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE HAD OBTAINED DEFINITE COMMITMENTS
FROM ARAB OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES, OR IF HE HAD NOT TO SEEK SUCH
COMMITMENTS URGENTLY. MAREI PROVIDED NO EVIDENCE OF CONCRETE
COMMITMENTS, BUT DID CITE FINANCIAL TIMES STORY OF SAUDI DECISION.
MAREI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF SUCH FUNDS WOULD BE PROVIDED
THROUGH HIS PROPOSED WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY.

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3. AS REPORTED REF C, MAREI TOLD AMBASSADOR MARTIN THAT

HE HAD PERSONAL COMMITMENT FROM KING FEISAL (BUT NOT QUANTIFIED).

4. AS REPORTED PARA 3 REF D, DOMAN INDICATED AN INTEREST IN ASSISTING LDC AGRICULTURE. IT SAID IT WAS SPEAKING FOR ITS QTE BROTHER COUNTRIES UNQTE, BUT DID NOT QUANTIFY ASSISTANCE NOR SAY SPECIFICALLY FOR WHICH STATES IT WAS SPEAKING. OMAN AND ALGERIA WERE ONLY ARAB OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES THAT ATTENDED WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WORKING PARTY SEPTEMBER 16-20. VOLPE

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